



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
SHUAI LYU,
Defendant.

Case No. 25-MJ-2175
ORDER OF DETENTION

1 I.
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3 On April 16, 2025, Defendant Shuai Lyu – assisted by a mandarin language
4 interpreter - was arraigned on the criminal complaint filed in this case. Defendant
5 made his initial appearance on April 14, 2025, at which time the Court appointed
6 Vitaly Sigal, a member of the indigent defense panel to represent Defendant. At
7 Defendant's request, the arraignment was continued to April 15 and April 16 in
8 order to secure retained counsel. On April 16, 2025, Defendant was represented by
9 retained counsel, Richard Wynn. The government was represented by Assistant
10 U.S. Attorney Erik Silber. Defendant submitted on the recommendation of
detention in the report prepared by United States Probation and Pretrial Services.

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12 On motion of the Government [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)] in a case
13 allegedly involving a narcotics or controlled substance offense with maximum
14 sentence of ten or more years.

15 On motion by the Government or on the Court's own motion
16 [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)] in a case allegedly involving a serious risk that the
17 defendant will flee.

18 The Court concludes that the Government is not entitled to a rebuttable
19 presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure
20 the defendant's appearance as required and the safety of any person or the
21 community [18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2)].

22 II.
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24 The Court finds that no condition or combination of conditions will
reasonably assure: the appearance of the defendant as required.

25 the safety of any person or the community.

26 III.
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28 The Court has considered: (a) the nature and circumstances of the offense(s)
charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence, a Federal crime of

1 terrorism, or involves a minor victim or a controlled substance, firearm, explosive,
2 or destructive device; (b) the weight of evidence against the defendant; (c) the
3 history and characteristics of the defendant; and (d) the nature and seriousness of
4 the danger to any person or the community. [18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)]. The Court also
5 considered the report and recommendation prepared by United States Probation
6 and Pretrial Services.

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8 IV.

9 The Court bases its conclusions on the following:

10 As to risk of non-appearance:

- 11 Unverified background information
12 lack of legal status in the United States; Citizen of China
13 family ties outside the United States
14 unstable residence history
15 lack of bail resources
16 Defendant is currently on probation

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18 As to danger to the community:

- 19 substance use history
20 Mental health history
21 criminal history includes fraud conviction in 2023
22 Allegations in the complaint – Defendant is charged with conspiracy

23 to commit money laundering and is alleged to have accompanied the co-defendant
24 who used false identification to retrieve parcels containing large amounts of U.S.
25 Currency sent by victims of an investment fraud scheme; according to the co-
26 defendant, Defendant Lyu communicated with the person who picked up the
27 currency.

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The defendant will be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant will be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel. On order of a Court of the United States or on request of any attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined will deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

[18 U.S.C. § 3142(i)]

12 Dated: April 16, 2025

13 /s/
14 ALKA SAGAR
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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